

S/N 10/644,621

REMARKS:

In the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, claim 9-11, 20-22, 29-31, and 41-43 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and claim 49 was allowed. (Office Action points 5 and 6).

Accordingly, in this amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 9, independent claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 20, independent claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 29, and independent claim 36 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 41.

In addition, because the remaining dependent claims incorporate by reference all of the limitations of the corresponding independent claims, all of the dependent claims are also allowable.

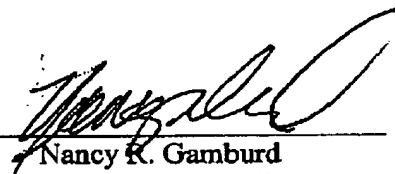
On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application is believed to be warranted, and an early action toward that end is respectfully solicited. In addition, for any issues or concerns, the Examiner is invited to call the attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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